



Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2015

9:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Committee members present: Christine Sobek (chair, Waubonsee Community College), Pat Carey (vice-chair, Cook County), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership), Katie Hamilton (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Rand Haas (Medusa Inc), Jason Keller (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Kevin Kramer (Village of Hoffman Estates), John McCann (representing Ed Sitar, ComEd), Kurtis Pozsgay (Berwyn Development Corporation), Nick Provenzano (McHenry County/Office of the Hon. Congressman Hultren)

By Phone: Bret Johnson (Northwestern University), Kelly O'Brian (Alliance for Regional Development), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Gary Skoog (Golden Corridor), Jerry Weber (College of Lake County)

Others present: Dan Barreiro (City of Aurora), Dan Di Santo (Village of Bensenville), Sheryl Caldwell (Cook County), Courtney Pogue (Cook County), Juan Salgado (Instituto del Progreso Latino), Rebecca Tancredi (Upwardly Global Chicago)

Staff present: Lindsay Hollander, Ricardo Lopez, Stephen Ostrander, Brian Peterson, Elizabeth Schuh, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Committee chair Christine Sobek called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made.

Randy Blankenhorn welcomed the committee's new chair, Christine Sobek, and thanked her and the committee for their service and dedication to implementing GO TO 2040 throughout northeastern Illinois. Jerry Weber also welcomed Dr. Sobek and shared that the committee's work will be well served by her experience and leadership.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting was made by Pat Carey, seconded by Jason Keller, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Non-Residential Land Use Change Analysis

Much of the region's freight and manufacturing development continues to be highly concentrated around major transportation nodes. Liz Schuh, CMAP staff, presented recent analysis on industrial land use trends. Analysis examined the location and types of recent development, size of developments and land area by county, and vacancy rates throughout northeastern Illinois.

5.0 Immigrant Integration Toolkit

A partnership with the Metropolitan Mayor Caucus and the Latino Policy Form worked with CMAP's local technical assistance program to develop an Immigrant Integration Toolkit to assist the region's communities with addressing the needs and leveraging the assets of the region's diverse immigrant populations. Ricardo Lopez, CMAP staff provided an overview of the process used to develop the toolkit, input from partners, and reports key findings.

6.0 Panel Discussion on Leveraging Diverse Community Assets

Dan Barreiro (City of Aurora), Dan Di Santo (Village of Bensenville), Stephen Ostrander (CMAP), Juan Salgado (Instituto del Progreso Latino), Rebecca Tancredi (Upwardly Global Chicago). Ostrander discussed an ongoing Local Technical Assistance project in Waukegan to revitalize the Washington Street Corridor and foster economic activity in an area with numerous immigrant-owned and serving businesses. Municipal leaders Barreiro and Di Santo from Aurora and Bensenville, respectively, discussed changing demographics in their communities and developing strategies to promote civic and economic participation. Finally, Salgado and Tancredi discussed efforts to improve immigrant's access to education and the workforce.

7.0 Cook County Property Tax Classification Analysis

[This presentation was postponed.]

8.0 Committee workplan and revised schedule

Simone Weil briefly discussed updates to the committee's workplan based on feedback at the January 26, 2015 meeting. Committee members provided suggestions potential workplan items.

10.0 Other Business

No other business was introduced.

11.0 Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

12.0 Next meeting

The Economic Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 9:30am.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simone Weil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Simone Weil